Demands of Funds for Development of Bombay

272. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has urged the Central Government for Rs. 1000 crores for the development of Bombay City;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals and steps the Central Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to reconsider the proposal to change the name of Bombay to Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra had requested the Planning Commission for special assistance of Rs. 1000 crores over the five year period of the Seventh Plan for strengthening of infrastructural facilities in Bombay City.

Central Assistance to States is not given for specific projects/programmes but is given as block assistance for the Plan of the State as a whole, under the modified Gadgil Formula. Under this Formula, 10 per cent of the Central Assistance is allocated for specific problems of the States and a sum of Rs 50 crores has been provided to Maharashtra for the Seventh Plan period, keeping in view the special problems of development of Bombay City.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration in the Planning Commission.

Activities of the Sports Authority of India

273. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various programmes of the Sports Authority of India during the next one year and what is the current budget allocation of the Authority; and

(b) the way in which the Sports Authority of India is helping the various official sports federations in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The important programmes proposed to be implemented by the Sports Authority of India in 1985-86 are (i) utilisation of stadia under its control for the promotion of sports (ii) spotting and nurturing of sports talent at a young age through its proposed scheme of holding of National Sports Talent Search Contest (iii) promotion of the concept of 'Sports for all' for creating sports consciousness and (iv) assisting national sports federations in holding sports events and tournaments. A provision of Rs. 5.50 crores has been allocated to the Sports Authority of India during 1985-86.

(b) The Sports Authority of India, whenever approached assists the national sports federations in various ways like providing facilities in different Asiad Stadia for holding competitions in different disciplines.

Water Pollution by Industrial Units

274. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of industrial units are responsible for water pollution in the country;

(b) whether these units have taken adequate measure to control water pollution;

(c) if not, what action Government have taken against the defaulting units; and

(d) what checks have been exercised by Government to ensure that instructions in this regard are not violated by the industrial units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) and (b) According to a survey conducted by the Central and State Pollution Control Boards, there are 4109 polluting industrial units in the large and medium sector. Out of these, 1966 units have provided effluent treatment facility.

(c) and (d) Legal action was taken in respect of 515 industrial units in various States which have not taken pollution control measures in spite of pursuasion. Injunctions were obtained against 37 units.

Fixation of Prices of Colour TV Sets

275. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed prices of colour television sets;

(b) whether Government are aware of the violation of the directive by certain T.V. manufacturers;

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the defaulting firms; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to ensure availability of colour TV sets at the fixed price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir. However, in 1982, the manufacturers of CTV had given an undertaking in respect of CTV Sets which were assembled through kit import on one time basis by the Government during Asiad, that the retail prices if these CTV sets marketed by them would not exceed Rs. 7500 (Turret Tuner) and Rs. 8000 (Electronic Tuner) and that these prices included guarantee/warranty and sales tax in Delhi.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. On the basis of a complaint and investigations done under MRTP Act, a 'Notice of Enquiry' was issued to certain TV manufacturers/dealers for imposing higher costs on the consumers for colour TV sets directly or through service contracts. After necessary investigation. an R.T.P. Enquiry has been instituted.

(d) Various steps are being taken to bring down the price of Colour TV Sets. These include:

(i) Issuing industrial approvals liberally, without any upper limit on capacities so that economically viable level of production could be achieved and competition encouraged.

(ii) Reducing Government levies like customs duty on imported raw materials/components, reduction in excise duty, etc.

(iii) A high power TV Coordination Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Electronics is functioning with representation from Indian TV Manufacturers Association and Electronics Components Industries Association, to review and monitor the progress of manufacture of TV sets The question of maximum price to be charged for a CTV set has been discussed in the various meetings of the above Committee. In the meeting of this Committee held on 16-8-84, ITMA committed that from 15th October, 1984, cost of the CTV to the customer with all taxes and one year guarantee in Delhi will not be more than Rs. 7500 with electronic tuner and Rs. 7000/- with turret tuner.